



**STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION  
COOKEVILLE ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD OFFICE  
DIVISION OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL  
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March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**CERTIFIED MAIL  
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Mr. Jim Bledsoe  
Jim Bledsoe Farms Poultry  
1760 Poplar Grove Rd.  
Jamestown, TN 38556

**RE: Compliance Evaluation Inspection; March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Jim Bledsoe Poultry Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO)  
State Operating Permit Number SOPC00116  
Fentress County, Tennessee**

Dear Mr. Bledsoe:

On March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Division of Water Pollution Control, (WPC) Cookeville Environmental Field Office (EFO) personnel conducted a Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI) of the Jim Bledsoe Farms Poultry CAFO. Nine houses are present at this Gatewood Ford Road location in Fentress County between the City of Jamestown and the Burrville community.

In order to determine the facility's compliance with the existing CAFO State Operating Permit SOPC00116 a visual inspection and record keeping inspection of the CAFO site was performed. Mr. Jim Bledsoe was met on site and accompanied the State of Tennessee inspectors during the site review.

While on site it was noted that the nine (9) houses were undergoing their annual clean out. A front end loader was loading a tractor trailer at the houses. Some litter was on the ground at the entrances to the houses. The farm was in the process of removing this spilled litter. The farm was also in the process of cleaning up from the recent grow-out removal. Digital photos of the operation were recorded.

As observed in our onsite visit no permit required records were available for review. You explained that you had removed the records from the site office in order to work with them at home during this grow-out removal. This is an acceptable practice. It has been documented that you maintain an office on the CAFO site. A follow up visit was discussed in order to review the permit required records.

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During the site visit we discussed the scouring of vegetation around the house fans. Placement of gravel below the fans may reduce soil loss and protect the house foundations.

During the inspection you asked about rain gauge requirements. A rain gauge is required in order to document rain fall events. The permit language is located within section 4.3 of the general SOPC document.

This letter shall serve as a **Compliance Evaluation Inspection** and in keeping with standard procedure, will by copy, notify the Division of Water Pollution Control's Enforcement and Compliance section.

If you have any questions, you may contact me in Cookeville via telephone at (931) 432-7635 or toll free at 1-(888)-891-8332. We also encourage the use of electronic mail. My email address is: [Oakley.Hall@tn.gov](mailto:Oakley.Hall@tn.gov).

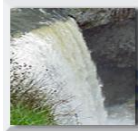
Thank you for your time and courtesy,



Wm. Oakley Hall  
Environmental Field Office Manager  
Division of Water Pollution Control

Enclosures: Site Photos

cc: Patrick Parker - Nashville Central Office, Enforcement & Compliance  
Greta Hurst – Cookeville WPC Environmental Specialist  
Tracy Daugherty – Cookeville WPC Environmental Specialist  
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**Permit Number SOPC00116**

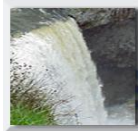


The houses were being cleaned out. Some litter was observed at the entrance to some of the houses.



Two litter barns are on site (Drystack Litter Storage). The storage barns were in good condition at 75% capacity.





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An incinerator is on site. Compost bins are also on site. The compost bins were in good condition.



A large pond has been constructed on site and may provide some treatment for run-off from a portion of the houses. This is not a permit required structure. The receiving stream from this CAFO is ultimately the North Prong of the Clear Fork River which flows to the Big South Fork Scenic River System.